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SUBJECT: THAI REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN COTTON TEXTILE QUOTAS

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION RTG REQUEST FOR INCREASES IN GROUP I CATEGORIES UNDER COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT. WITH U.S. ENJOYING A TWO TO ONE TRADE ADVANTAGE DURING THREE YEAR PERIOD 72-74, INCREASE IN TEXTILE QUOTA WOULD BE JUSTIFIED.

2. COTTON SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL ATTORNEY DAVID LYMAN HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS CLIENTS AND KNOWS OF NO SETTLEMENTS OF DELINQUENT CONTRACTS SINCE MAY VISIT OF COTTON MISSION.

3. WE BELIEVE COTTON SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION NEW YORK ATTORNEY, VICTOR FRIEDMAN, COULD PROVIDE BEST INFORMATION ON SHIPPERS PLANS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT IF DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO GET ANY INFORMATION FROM FRIEDMAN.

4. SHOULD DEPARTMENT DEIIDE TO LINK TEXTILE QUOTA WITH COTTON CONTRACT DEFAULT PROBLEM, WE WOULD URGE ANY PUNITIVE ACTION BE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE, THAI DURABLE,
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WHICH HAS A SIZEABLE CHUNK OF EXPORT QUOTA, APPEARS

RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF COTTON CONTRACT DEFAULTS.
IF SELECTIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS COULD BE ADMINISTERED
BY US CUSTOMS AGAINST MAJOR OFFENDERS, IT IS CONCEIVABLE
DELINQUENT FIRMS MIGHT SEE THE LIGHT AND AGREE TO HONOR
CONTRACTS. WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE INNOCENT THAI MILLS
WHICH CONTINUE TO PURCHASE US COTTON INJURED BECAUSE OF
MALFEASANCE OF OTHERS.
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